

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: George Matamis et al.

Title: Bitline Direction Shielding to Avoid Cross Coupling  
Between Adjacent Cells for NAND Flash Memory

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 14, 2006, setting a period for response expiring on September 14, 2006. An appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are not being made.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are not being made.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.